

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare as evidenced by my signature that:

My residential address, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe that the below named inventor(s) are the original, first and joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**SHALE HYDRATION INHIBITION AGENT AND METHOD OF USE**

the specification of which

is attached hereto.

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as

Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended

\_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that may be material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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I hereby appoint the following, each associated with Customer Number 27551, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected with this application:

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I hereby declare, as evidenced by my signature below, that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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